• Provision of Rural Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) 'on demand' in 203 commercially unviable Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) in the first quarter of 2006.

Loopholes in Cyber Laws

2448. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are plugging the loop-holes in cyber law by attuning adequately e-capable to counter-e-criminality;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had targeted the wrong people due to the loopholes existing in the past and present system;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government had paid any compensation to the victims for targeting wrongly;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons for not paying compensation to the innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Cyber Crimes are adequately covered in the Information Technology Act, 2000. However, new forms of computer crimes like video voyeurism identity theft, phishing have emerged. It is proposed to provide legal framework to prevent such crimes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) and (g) Do not arise.

Fake marketing websites

2449. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multilevel marketing websites are duping large number of people;

(b) if so, the details of the cases lodged throughout India and the action taken on it; and